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LOK SABHA

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CULLTIVATION OF MEDICINAL PLANT SENA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing financial as well as technical assistance to the farmers of the country particularly in Rajasthan to boost the cultivation of a medicinal plant `Sena` found in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the name of the disease for the treatment of which the plant `Sena` is used?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture isimplementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture Supplementation / Complementation of State Efforts though Work Plan in all the Statesand Union Territories including Rajasthan. The Scheme provides assistance to thefarmers for production and technical assistance through training for medicinal & aromatic plants including `Sena`.

Ministry of Science & Technology has sanctioned a project entitled `Cultivation of Medicinal Plants using biotechnological approaches for the benefit of SC/ST population ofthe society`. Under this project farmers were trained on agro technology of Sena cultivation in various villages around Jodhpur (Rajasthan).

(c): Sena is used as Laxative and Purgative.